

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, December 15, 2010, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer
Robert L. Emerson

Nick Adams, Deputy State Treasurer representing
Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer
Kevin Coyle representing Collin O'Mara Secretary of DNREC
Mike Valenti representing Steven Ditmer

Absent: William H. "Chip" Narvel, Jr., Edwin Kee, and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., legal counsel for the Foundation, Ms. Mary Ellen Masten and Mr. William Vane Masten.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 1,065 farms in preservation districts totaling 154,465 acres, with a total of 630 farms under agricultural easements totaling 99,851 acres at a cost of \$174,525,010. For PDR 16, there are a total of 42 farms, comprising 3,871 acres, with a value of \$40,155,000. For PDR 17, there are a total of 13 farms, comprising 963 acres, with a value of \$9,796,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 40 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,878 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

II. District Final Approval:

1. Kent-Del Farms District, ID#K-10-08-257. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for final approval the Kent-Del Farms District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Kauffman Expansion of the Cain-Hughes-Makovek District, ID#K-10-10-043G. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Kauffman Expansion of the Cain-Hughes-Makovek District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Little Creek One Hundred Expansion of the O'Neal Preservation District, ID#S-10-10-069C. After discussion, **Nick Adams moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Little Creek One Hundred Expansion of the O'Neal Preservation District, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval (Contingent Sale):

1. Dutchneck Farms Services 2 Expansion of the Virdin-Scuse District, ID#S-10-10-101E. After discussion, **Nick Adams moved to accept for eligibility the Dutchneck Farms Services 2 Expansion of the Virdin-Scuse District contingent upon sale of the property, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

It was noted that the District Agreement for this property would be contingent on the sale of the property.

2. Graham-Vincent Farm Expansion of the Collins District, ID#S-10-11-021E. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility the Graham-Vincent Farm Expansion of the Collins District contingent upon sale of the property, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

It was noted that the District Agreement for this property would be contingent on the sale of the property.

IV. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Ed Kee waived the right of veto for the above Expansions in his e-mail dated December 10, 2005 (attached.)

V. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the November 17, 2010, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **William Vanderwende moved to approve the November minutes, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick then presented the Financial Statement for the month of November 2010, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of November 30, 2010, \$284,790.70 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$70.45 from rollback taxes, and \$171.78 interest income. Expenditures for the month of November totaled \$51,175.66. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to approve the November 2010 financial statement as presented, seconded by Nick Adams. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath asked about our audit presentation and Howard Mesick answered that the presentation should be at our January meeting. The Federal audit will then start in early January.

Michael McGrath asked Scott Blaier about the lease on the Wilson farm and was informed that our renters have requested additional months to be added to the lease. No additional maintenance on the property has been requested. When the new lease is drawn up it will be for the entire year's activities.

VIII. Executive Session – Mr. Parkowski indicated that there was no need for an executive session.

IX. Other Business:

Deputy State Treasurer Nick Adams wanted to express to the Board the pleasure of State Treasurer, Velda Jones-Potter in serving on the Board.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on January 19, 2011 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman